

Chief, RCM/FI

27 July 53

Attn: Intelligence Audit Branch  
Chief, Contact Division, OO

OO-B-65036; AB-79

a) 14-237; Your memorandum dated 27 May 1953; Subject: Possible  
Fabrication.

b) Conversation - Demand - [ ]

1. This will confirm Reference (b) above in which you were advised that this division feels that OO-B-65036 indicates a misunderstanding on the part of the source as to what was desired, and no intention on his part to fabricate intelligence information. It would appear that the interest of this division in Soviet personalities (Guide 182) led source to believe that translation of an ever-valuable, not readily obtainable, would be of use to this Agency. This misconception on his part was also apparent in OO-B-64897 and 64898 which were brought to our attention by the Department of State as showing evidence of having been taken from the Great Soviet Encyclopedia. This matter has been brought to the attention of the field office concerned, and we have recommended that the source be instructed as to our lack of interest in overt material of any type, and that his material be carefully scrutinized in the future to resist any recurrence of the above named practice.

2. We do not, for the reasons explained above, feel that it would serve any purpose to release the name of our source to your office. He has been the source of many reports in the past, the majority of which have received excellent evaluations.

3. We regret our delay in making reply to your memorandum concerning this matter.

Any inquiry concerning this memorandum should be directed to  
Attention 2775.